

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 11, 2013

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 2013, at the District Office, 1000 Brookhaven Drive, Aiken, at 7:00 p.m. Print and broadcast news media were notified of the time, date, and place of this meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Rosemary English, Chairman  
Mr. Ray Fleming, Vice-Chairman  
Mr. Tad Barber  
Mr. Levi Green  
Mr. Richard Hazen  
Mr. John Wesley Hightower  
Mr. Keith Liner  
Mr. Dwight Smith  
Mr. Ronnie West

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Elizabeth Everitt, Superintendent  
Mr. David Caver, Deputy Superintendent  
Mr. Tray Traxler, Comptroller  
Mr. William H. Burkhalter, Board Attorney  
Dr. Cecelia Hewett, Associate Superintendent  
for Administration  
Mr. King Laurence, Associate Superintendent  
for Instruction/Accountability  
Mrs. Peggy Trivelas, Academic Officer  
for Elementary School  
Mrs. Janice Kitchings, Academic Officer  
for Elementary School  
Mrs. Joy Shealy, Academic Office  
for Middle School  
Dr. Tim Yarborough, Academic Officer  
for High School  
Dr. Randy Stowe, Director of Administration  
Mrs. Vicky Durden, Administrative Assistant  
to Board of Education/Superintendent

Chairman English called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Devotional and Pledge were led by Mr. Dwight Smith.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairman English stated if there were no objections the agenda would stand as approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on May 21, 2013 and minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 28, 2013; were presented for approval. Mr. Green MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on May 21, 2013; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Mr. Green MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 28, 2013; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-0-2 (Mr. Smith and Mrs. English abstained).

#### SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- Mr. Barber MOVED to amend the agenda to allow Public Participation not involving the Budget to be heard first; FAILED for lack of second.
- Mr. Traxler gave a brief overview of the 2013-2014 Budget prior to public input.
- **PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET:**
  - Jane Paige Thompson spoke regarding the Budget.
  - Marsha Harris spoke regarding the Budget.
  - Donna Wesby spoke regarding the Budget.

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Dr. Tim Shannon spoke regarding Sports Medicine at SAHS. Mr. Barber MOVED to further discuss Sports Medicine and services provided to schools at the June 25, 2013, Regular Meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

No items this meeting.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A-1 GRADUATION CELEBRATION: Graduation video for the Class of 2013 was presented.

A-2 QUESTIONS REGARDING PROJECT JACKSON: Mr. Burkhalter presented a power point presentation regarding questions submitted by Board members in reference to Project Jackson. Mr. Hightower requested the Board allow him to move Item D-1 TIF Summation for discussion. The Board agreed to Mr. Hightower's request. Mr. Hightower discussed TIF and the District's liability.

A-3 TRIBUNAL OPTION FOR DISCIPLINE: Mr. Green discussed Tribunal Options for Discipline. Ms. Fisher and Mrs. McDougal discussed in detail the options regarding discipline and the program being implemented.

A-4 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner presented a power point presentation regarding Legislative Update.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- B-1    RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board ratify the expulsion of students not appealing this action as submitted by Academic Officers.
- B-2    OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the recommendation to release the students from Aiken County to attend the out-of-district schools.
- B-3    KROGER EARNING PLUS LEARNING GRANT TO AIKEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY13: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$1,500 Kroger Earning Plus Learning grant to Aiken Elementary School and adjustments to the FY13 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-4    SAVANNAH RIVER REMEDIATION, LLC GRANT TO NORTH AUGUSTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY13: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$2,250 Savannah River Remediation, LLC grant to North Augusta Elementary School and adjustments to the FY13 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-5    GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF MIDDLE GEORGIA, INC. DONATION TO AIKEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FY13: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the Goodwill Industries of Middle Georgia, Inc. \$5,000 donation to Aiken Elementary School and adjustments to the FY13 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

- B-6 DONATION FROM ROBERT MORGAN AND COUNTESS MAREE TARNOWSKA TO EAST AIKEN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS – FY13: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$5,000 Robert Morgan and Countess Maree Tarnowska donation to East Aiken School of the Arts and adjustments to the FY13 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.
- B-7 AIKEN COUNTY GIFTED AND TALENTED ACADEMIC/ARTISTIC PLAN: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the Aiken County Gifted and Talented Academic/Artistic Plan to begin implementation.
- B-8 SCHEMATIC PLANS AND DESIGN DEVELOPMENT DRAWINGS/BUDGET FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION PHASE I PROJECT: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the schematic plans and the design development plans, specifications, and projected construction budget as presented and authorize the Architect to proceed with the contract documents and final working drawings and specifications for this project.
- B-9 TITLE III ALLOCATIONS FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE ACQUISITIONS, FY14: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the grant award in the amount of \$129,246 adjustments to the FY14 Fund 2 Budget to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures and implementation of the program.
- B-10 KROGER EARNING PLUS LEARNING GRANT TO HAMMOND HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY13: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the \$1,500 Kroger Earning Plus Learning Grant to Hammond Hill Elementary School and adjustments to the FY13 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-10; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2012-2013; certified personnel for school year 2013-2014; certified retiree-rehire personnel for school year 2013-2014; classified personnel for school year 2012-2013; and classified personnel for school year 2013-2014; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-2 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE (TAN), SERIES 2013, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,900,000: Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve the resolution to authorize the issuance of a tax anticipation note, Series 2013, not to exceed \$2,900,000; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C-3 ANNUAL REVISIONS TO THE CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT – FIRST READING: Mr. Barber MOVED to approve on first reading the proposed changes in the Code of Student Conduct 2013-2014; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- TIF SUMMATION AND LOANS: Mr. Hightower spoke earlier regarding the TIF Summation and requested to move Loans to the next meeting for discussion due to time constraints.
- AREA 5 ADVISORY APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Green MOVED to reappoint Linda Bradley, Ed Ketusky, and Beth Norris to the Area 5 Advisory Council; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

Dr. Everitt gave a brief update of events around the District.

Chairman English announced the Board would need to have an executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters: One transfer appeal from Area 1; one student appeal from Area 1; one from Area 2; and one from Area 3; and Administrative Appointments.

Mr. Green MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 9:06 p.m.

Executive session convened at 9:11 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:14 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: one transfer appeal from Area 1; one student appeal from Area 3 (students from Area 1 and Area 3 did not show for appeal); and Administrative Appointments.

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

No items this meeting.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve the Administrative Appointments as presented by the Superintendent; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The appointments are as follow:
  - Suman Marks-John, Assistant Principal at Ridge Spring-Monetta High School
  - Andrew Young, Assistant Principal at South Aiken High School
  - Kristie Brooks, Part-time Assistant Principal and Part-Time Special Education Coordinator at Midland Valley High School
  - Terra van der Linden, Assistant Principal at Paul Knox Middle School
  - Kyle Blankenship, Assistant Principal at L.B.C. Middle School
  - Margo Gore, Part-time Assistant Principal and Part-time Teacher at Paul Knox Middle School
  - John Metts, Assistant Principal at Millbrook Elementary School
  - Meredith Noland, Assistant Principal at Clearwater Elementary School
  - Eryl Small, Part-time Assistant Principal at Gloverville Elementary School and Part-time Assistant Principal at J.D. Lever Elementary School

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.



APPEALS:

F-5-a: TRANSFER APPEAL: The Board heard a transfer appeal from the parent of a elementary and middle school student. Mr. Hightower MOVED to allow the transfer to Area 2 schools for the 2013-2014 school year with tuition being waived. Also included in the motion, the Board will evaluate the situation prior to the 2014-2015 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Liner; MOTION carried on a vote of 7-2 (Mrs. English and Mr. Fleming opposed).

F-5-b: STUDENT APPEAL: The parent and student did not show for the appeal. Mr. Fleming MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year; SECONDED by Mr. West; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-c: STUDENT APPEAL: The parent and student did not show for the appeal. Mr. Fleming MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student of the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-d: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 3. Mr. Hightower MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year. Also included in the motion, if the student attends Summer school and successfully completes the program, the Administration will evaluate her progress and discipline to determine placement for the 2013-2014 school year; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: